

1305 Epidemiology and Evaluation Collaborative (EEC)

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INTRODUCTION

- EEC is a group of more than 120 public health chronic disease epidemiologists and evaluators who convene by phone monthly to ask questions, share ideas and resources, and discuss common challenges related to epidemiology, surveillance, evaluation, and performance measurement associated with the CDC 1305 and 1422 grants.
- Nearly all states are represented on EEC. Most health departments have multiple staff participating in EEC meetings. Average meeting attendance ranges from 55 to 70.
- EEC meetings are planned and facilitated by members with support from NACDD. Topics in 2017 included: 1305 and 1422 evaluation reporting requirements, state surveillance plans, ICD 9 and 10 coding transitions, and BRFSS HDSP questions.
- Staff from the CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention's Applied Research and Evaluation Branch (AREB) and Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch (ESB) regularly attend calls to listen and provide clarification on guidance, timelines, and resources. CDC requested input or feedback from EEC on technical assistance or products during half of EEC meetings in 2017.
- In 2017, states shared a number of resources to support each other in their work. These included examples of patient and provider surveys, surveillance plans, evaluation reports, and local health department reporting templates, among others.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase the number of opportunities for member-driven, peer-led discussion groups related to chronic disease epidemiology and evaluation.
- Increase opportunities for chronic disease epidemiology, surveillance, and evaluation staff to discuss their work in the context of program implementation.
- Increase the exchange of resources related to heart disease, stroke and diabetes epidemiology, surveillance, evaluation, and performance measurement among state health departments.



IMPACT

How members describe the benefits of EEC:

“EEC has created a networking group I feel like I can bounce ideas off of and learn from. Evaluation of 1305 is complex, so being able to wade through those waters with others who understand is a huge blessing to me.”

“The EEC calls are an opportunity to hear from other states about possible facilitators and new interventions that promote prevention and intervention methods related to diabetes and hypertension.”

“It's been such a huge resource for me! Often, I hear updates and announcements through EEC before it filters through the CDC emails and progress calls. I've had other EEC members weigh in on some of our data collection tools and review evaluation indicators when we were revising our evaluation plans for 1305 and 1422.”

OUTLOOK

- NACDD will continue to work with the EEC membership and CDC to identify topics for meeting discussions and learning opportunities related to epidemiology, evaluation, and performance measurement associated with CDC hypertension and diabetes funding.